Communications Review

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Question: How long should I expect the review process to take?

Answer: The goal is to turnaround all requests in less than one week.

2. Question: What if my request is time sensitive (can not wait one week)?

Answer: Please indicate this in the subject line of the email to

OMBCommunications@omb.in.gov

3. Question: Does this apply if the funding is 100% federal?

Answer: Yes.

4. Question: How should I handle federal funds in the Media Communications Plan that is

due May 31? I will not know the exact amount of federal funding at that time

due to the federal government's FY.

Answer: Estimate the amounts. This document can be amended (with the Committee's

approval) as necessary. Remember, you will be working with the Committee

when negotiating new grant agreements anyway (see memo).

5. Question: I have a statutory requirement to advertise (public notices, etc.). Do I need to

submit those requests?

Answer: Yes. Please indicate this requirement in the request. The Committee, in some

cases, may grant a blanket approval for all related requests.

6. Question: My agency works with a Foundation. The Foundation funds much of the

advertising and sponsorships. Do I need to submit these requests? What about

the Media Communications Plan?

Answer: Yes. Again, the Committee may decide to grant a blanket request. As for the

Media Communications Plan, the Foundation contributions should definitely be included. This could aid in Agency coordination of their efforts with that of the

Foundation.

7. Question: My agency is large with many different programs. How should I approach the

Media Communications Plan?

Answer: Each program should have it's own Media Communications Plan. The Agency as

a whole will also have an umbrella plan for general communication.

8. Question: How should the agency submit plans?

Answer: One designee from each agency should review all plans prior to submitting to

the Committee. This person will most likely be the Agency's Communications

Director.